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DEPUTIES' MEETING

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Thursday, 31 December 1953

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Messrs. Wisner, Amory, Houston, Kirkpatrick, Sheldon, [redacted]

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Mr. Dulles:

a. Mentioned a meeting with Ambassador Luce, at the State Department, on Saturday, 2 January. He will be accompanied by [redacted]

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b. Referred to a cable [redacted] (IN-45175), relative to a [redacted] request for U.S. assistance in assigning a competent individual to investigate the [redacted] Mr. Wisner mentioned that State had sent a cable on this matter that was "mildly favorable." [redacted]

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c. Stated that he had not yet sent to Senator Potter any information on American Prisoners of War held by the Soviets. Mr. Dulles remarked that he considers this question to be something of a "hot potato," in view of the fact that the Reds might very well bring up the subject of the North Korean prisoners released by President Rhee. Mr. Dulles stated that he would talk to [redacted] about this.

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d. Mentioned William L. Ryan, whose articles on Russia are appearing in the New York Herald Tribune syndicate, and suggested that [redacted] contact him.

e. Announced that the Public Service Aid Society was being formed as of this date, and suggested that anyone wishing to contribute to it could do so today and stay within the 1953 tax year.

Mr. Wisner:

a. Mentioned that arrangements had been made for [redacted] to go abroad on his new assignment by the middle of February. After some discussion it was decided that [redacted] should inform [redacted] shortly before his departure that he would be leaving the country.

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Mr. Amory:

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a. Announced the opening of [redacted] and stated that [redacted] of that office, had notified [redacted] of this fact. After some discussion as to whether [redacted] should be appointed the Liaison Officer with [redacted] it was decided to leave the situation as it is, instructing [redacted] not to avoid [redacted] but not to seek out the contact.

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b. Referred to some derogatory information on a member of the Foreign Service that had been received incidental to obtaining other information of interest to the Agency, and asked whether this derogatory information should be passed to State. It was decided to inform State that we had received such information and refer them to the source.

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c. Announced that [redacted] was exhibiting the new translating machine at the IBM office in New York at 10:00 o'clock on January 7. He suggested that Colonel Baird and someone from [redacted] might attend. General Cabell stated that he also intended to go if possible.

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has decided not to go.
VMS

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